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SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School..... 9:30 A. M.
Church Service..... 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 2 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

The pastor is planning for Evangelistic meetings during the last of the month of March, when he hopes to have the assistance of several brethren from out of the city. In the meantime he intends to keep up a vigorous campaign of house to house visitation, and of personal work, making also our midweek and Sabbath services decidedly evangelistic in their purpose and character. We trust the whole church may heartily engage with us in this work. Almost every member of our church has some unsaved friend, or friends in whom he is specially interested. Will you not pray earnestly for the conversion of these friends, and do all you can to lead them to Christ? Bring them with you to our services and the pastor will be glad to meet them and do all he can for them.

Thursday evening, January 26th, the ladies of Section No. 1, will give the first monthly supper in the New Year. Their bill of fare will consist of Scalloped Oysters, Saratoga Chips, Stewed Prunes, Doughnuts and Coffee. These ladies should have a large attendance at their Supper.

Wednesday evening, February 15, the women of the church will all combine and give a chicken pie supper. The women expect to make this a great social and financial event. The receipts of this supper will be applied upon the insurance of the church. The Supper will be served from 5 to 8 p. m. The tickets are 25 cents.

A mission study class is being formed among the young people of the church. The class will take up a systematic course of study under a competent leader. Announcement of time and place of meeting will be made later. An effort is being made to increase the membership of the society twenty-five per cent. by the first of May. That means seven new members to be added; two have already been secured. Are you trying for the other five?

Stella Bottger, who has been quite ill is now very much improved.

Church Socials and Suppers.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Aid Society it was decided by an unanimous vote to continue the Socials and Suppers during the present year. The executive committee and officers of the society held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Bottger, January 11, and arranged the sections for the year. Each section will give two suppers during the year. In the month of July all the women will unite in giving an ice cream social. Three managers have been appointed for each section. We give below the sections as they are now arranged. The sections will serve in the order in which they are given. Section No. 1 will give a supper Thursday evening, January 26.

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Managers—Mrs. W. Siebold, Mrs. H. J. Straub, Mrs. Al. Barbier; Assistants Mesdames W. G. Page, Geo. Siebold, O. Foncanon, S. Frederick, John Smith, James Smith, Louisa Wilkening, Anna Gebert, Henrietta Trisch, Ed. Bevelheimer, Freda Schaaf, John Schlaudrof, Mary Krudop, Rachel Wells, W. Cutler, Aime Chausse, B. T. Main, A. W. Main, J. S. Chapman, Mary Klinger, Misses Pearl Siebold, Maud Bell, Anna Schoenline, Anna Yeager, Bertha Weikart, Fana Shadle, Elnora Smith, Irma Smith, Nanetta Byers, Freda Schlaudrof, Chas. Schwartz.

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Managers—Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, Mrs. Geo. Hessert. Assistants—Mesdames A. C. Katt, John Schnieder, Louis Bercot, Sr.,

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SECTION 3.

Managers—Mrs. S. Dukeman, Miss Libbie Felker, Mrs. Emma Bitner; Assistants—Mesdames J. Rudisill, V. Monn, John Grosjean, Ed. Grosjean, F. Bercot, Luke Durnell, C. A. Buck, E. H. Masterson, Nellie Hildebrand, C. Waldo, Ed. Warner, Philip Wicks, Delilah Long, Amelia Sessler, Minnie Raquet, Lizzie Keller, Ernest Payne, John Bieghler; Misses Lizzie Rudisill, Edith Hobson, Frances Geminier, Lulu Bitner, Lottie Bitner, Selena Kutsch, DeEtta Masterson, Katie Miller.

SECTION 4.

Managers—Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Mrs. Sarah Knight, Mrs. A. M. Henderson; Assistants—Mesdames R. Gavin, Theresa Wilbert, Margaret Boger, James Vining, J. Hetrick, F. Hostman, Edward Chausse, Philip Richards, Kate Certia. William Smith, Caroline Neuenschwander, Ed. Miller, Ed. Seibold, Dayton Baltzell, May Schaich, Fred. Shearer, Arstide Grosjean, Mary Carrol, J. Weaver, Sadie Latham, E. Endinger; Misses Maggie Haverly, Ida Kirkham, Lillie Kirkham, Gertrude Thompson, Beatrice Benninghoff, Kittie Vining, Elsie Weikart, Minnie Weikart, Ella Kly, Bertha Goba, Rose Goba.

SECTION 5.

Managers—Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. H. Kessler, Mrs. D. Walter; Assistants—Mesdames D. Null, S. Wertman, R. Druckenbrod, George Smith, James Eward, William Moore, H. Krone-miller, Charles Kent, Sadie Boals, Perry Archer, A. Guilaum, Chas. Habecker, John Riley, Oscar Riley, Geo. Saffen, W. Habecker, D. Mullen, S. Schrack, F. Seeger, P. Heyman, W. F. Close, E. A. Close, Harry Metzner; Misses Anna Doermer, Viola Schrack, Jennie Walter, Lillie Moore, Carrie Cour, Sybil Niedhammer, Gusta Pratt, Wilmina Saffen, Grace Wertman.

Deaths

Ralph Grosjean, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grosjean of Columbia Ave., died at an early hour on Monday morning, January 2nd, of diptheria. He was sick for only a few days and was not considered seriously ill until the day before his death. This was a very unexpected and sad bereavement. Ralph was a promising, kind-hearted and affectionate boy. He was aged 13 years. He leaves to mourn his death his parents, a brother and sister. The funeral was private, and was held on Tuesday morning, January 3rd. This family has the sympathy and prayers of the entire church. May the Lord comfort them in their sorrow and affliction.

Hewes Piper died Sunday morning, January 10. He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., October 1, 1877. He had been sick for more than a year past, and was in much suffering for the greater

part of his illness. For several months we were with him quite frequently, we always found him patient and cheerful. We became very much interested in him, and we trust our prayers and words were helpful to him, and that when the darkening shadows fell upon him, there was light, and peace, and acceptance for him. He leaves to mourn his death his mother and many friends. The funeral service was held from the home on East Lewis street, Tuesday afternoon, January 17.

At the monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid society, January 5, some business was transacted which concerns the membership of the whole church. First, by a unanimous vote the ladies decided to continue the monthly suppers during the year. Second, they instructed the pastor to secure a sufficient number of mite boxes to supply the whole church, and each member will be requested to deposit at least one penny a day in the box during the entire year. Some, of course, will want to deposit several pennies or a nickle a day. The amounts collected in these boxes are to be applied upon the funded debt of the church. The boxes will be ready for distribution very shortly. A penny a day, or two pennies a day, is a small amount to contribute, but 365 pennies multiplied by three or four hundred, will mean quite an amount, and where is the member that cannot spare this small amount each day during the year? We are of the opinion that the ladies have hit upon a good plan and we are anxious to have it put into operation to see what can be done. The plan seems to meet with general favor among the people, and we hope every member will take a box and begin to save the pennies for our church debt.

A Pretty Church Wedding.

At 6:30 o'clock last evening at Grace Reformed church, Rev. A. K. Zartman officiating, occurred the marriage of Miss Lillie R. Close and Harry E. Metzner. The church was very prettily decorated with ferns, palms and arches of evergreen. There were no attendants. The bride looked charming in a gown of white French lawn trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and she carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The wedding march was played by Miss Josephine Zartman. A reception was held after the church service at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Close, 825 E. Lewis street, only relatives and intimate friends being guests. The home was attractively decorated with flowers and ferns, the parlor being in red, the sitting room in green, and the dining room in green and white. The bridal couple stood beneath a pink bell and received congratulations and good wishes. After the reception an elaborate supper was served. The table was done in smilax and white carnations. The young ladies assisting at the table were Mrs. W. F. Close, Mrs. E. A. Close, Miss Lottie Bitner, Miss Gertrude Thompson, Miss Sarah Brower, Miss Josephine Zartman. Mr. and Mrs. Metzner left on a short wedding trip, and on their return will begin housekeeping at 217 Dawson street.—*Journal-Gazette*, Thursday, Jan. 19.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING was held Monday morning, January 2nd. The weather being very unfavorable the attendance was not

large. Reports were read by the secretaries and treasurers of the church and church-societies. These reports made a good showing for the year's work. Nearly \$300 were paid on the church debt during the year.

A vote of thanks was tendered the choir for its efficient service during the year. The congregation appreciates the excellent and faithful work the choir has been doing for a number of years past.

The results of the election were as follows: Elders, George Hessert, J. S. Chapman. Deacons, W. F. Close, Harry Metzner. Financial Secretary, W. A. Hobson. Treasurer, W. F. Close.

It is always a matter of regret that not a much larger representation of the membership is present at the annual meeting. We are sure it would not only be a matter of interest and information to the people if they would be present, but we believe it would give them a new incentive for work. We are hoping that the present may be a most successful year for the church. We need the hearty co-operation of every member in the church. Fall in line and give us your help.

The choir, assisted by Mrs. E. A. Close, Misses Anna and Waneta Heyman, Williamine Saffen, Gertrude Thompson, and Messrs. Ralph Wilson, Harry Moellering and Ed. Close, gave Geibet's sacred cantata, "The Nativity," Christmas night. The chorus were especially fine and the entire cantata showed the diligent practice which had been done. It was greatly appreciated by all those present.

The pastor and family return their thanks to the Sunday School and members of the church for the many kind remembrances during the Christmas season.

The men's supper was one of the pleasant church events during the holiday season. The ladies say the supper was fine. The men of Grace church are experts in the business. The net receipts of the supper will be about \$35. If the weather had been favorable the receipts would have been fully ten dollars more. However, the men had a good social time, and the women, we are sure, enjoyed the evening.

The officers of the C. E. society for 1905 are: President, W. A. Hobson; Vice President, W. F. Close, Secretary, Fana Shadle, Treasurer, Barney Hattel, Cor. Secretary, Josephine Zartman. The following committees have been appointed: Lookout: Barney Hattel, Elsie Weikart, Lottie Bitner, Walter Close, Harry Metzner, Charles Knight. Social: Josephine Zartman, Fana Shadle, Mrs. W. F. Close, William Saffen, Barney Hattel, John Koepf. Prayer meeting: Irving Bitner, Mrs. H. E. Metzner, Bertha Weikart. Flower and Calling: Elsie Weikart, Stella Bottger, DeEtta Masterson. Music: Edith Hobson, Gertrude Thompson, W. F. Close. Missionary: Anna Doermer, Lulu Bitner, Mrs. A.K. Zartman.

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TOPICS AND LEADERS.

JANUARY.

22. How to win souls for Christ. John 1:
40-46. FANA SHADLE.

29. Heroes of foreign missions; what they
teach us. Cor. 1 1: 21-28.

JOSEPHINE ZARTMAN.

FEBRUARY.

5. What I owe to Christian Endeavor,
Ezek. 47: 1-12; Ps. 36: 8. WM. HOBSON.

12. Christ a servant—and we are servants.
Phil. 2: 3-11. ELSIE WEIKART.

19. Glorifying God in our homes. Eph.
7: 1-19. Leaderless meeting.

26. Heroes of home missions; what they
teach us. Jer. 1: 7-19. Missionary Com.

The Young Peoples society presented two oak collection plates to the church as a Christmas gift.

Mrs. John Bottger very pleasantly entertained the members of the executive committee of the Ladies' Aid society, at her home January 11.

The Sabbath School presented the pastor and Mrs. Zartman, with a beautiful chair on Christmas day. This kind remembrance is very much appreciated. Many thanks.

The Juniors elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Raymond Close; Vice President, Cherrill Drukenbrod; Secretary, Georgia Smith; Treasurer, Bertha Bitner.

The officers elected by the Ladies Aid society for the ensuing year are: Pres., Mrs. A. K. Zartman; Vice Pres., Mrs. Emma Bitner; Sec., Miss Anna Doermer; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Straub. The Executive committee consists of the officers and Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. Henry Kessler, Mrs. John Snyder, Mrs. Geo. Hessert and Mrs. Frank Leikauf.

Mr. Frank Thompson, of Purdue, and Millard Drukenbrod, of Winona, spent the holidays at home.

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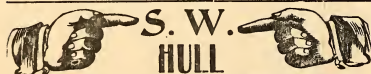
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